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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
A. MENRAD et al. : Group Art Unit: 1644
Application No.: 09/942,117 :
Filed: August 30, 2001 : Examiner:M. HADDAD
Title: RECEPTOR OF THE EDB-FIBRONECTIN DOMAINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

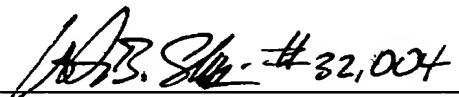
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-16) and SEQ ID NO:1 for prosecution on the merits.

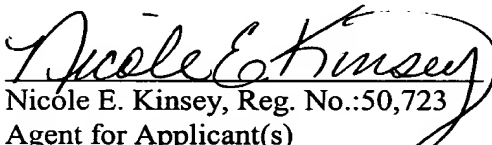
The Examiner is urged to withdraw the restriction requirement because the Examiner has not shown that a serious burden would be imposed to search and examine the full scope of the claims.

Although it is believed that a restriction is not proper in the subject application, Applicants submit that many of the groups fall within the same class and subclass, for example class 435 and subclasses 6 and 7.1. Therefore, a search and examination of at least groups that fall within the same class and subclass would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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